

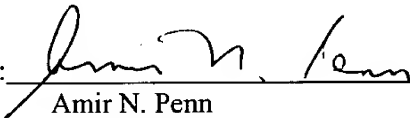
56. (New claim) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing according to claim 51, wherein the dressing body has an outer surface, and further comprising affixing fibres to a part of the outer surface of the dressing body.

**REMARKS**

If for any reason, the application is not considered to be in condition for allowance on the next Office Action and an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 913-0001.

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APPENDIX UNDER 37 CFR 1.121(c)

41. (New claim) A protective dressing comprising:
  - an integrally formed dressing body of an elastic liquid impermeable material having an inner surface with a first portion and a second portion;
  - an absorptive device associated with the first portion of the integrally formed dressing body; and
  - fibres affixed to at least a part of the inner surface of the second portion of the integrally formed dressing body.
42. (New claim) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein the fibres are affixed to the inner surface of the integrally formed dressing body except for a section of the dressing body associated with the absorptive device and proximate to the portion of the dressing body associated with the absorptive device.
43. (Amended) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein said second portion is formed with multiple perforations to permit passage of perspiration therethrough.
44. (New claim) A protective dressing according to claim 43, wherein said first portion is not substantially perforated, so as to prevent passage of body fluids therethrough.
45. (New claim) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein the integrally formed dressing body has an outer surface, and
  - further comprising fibres affixed to at least a portion of the outer surface of the integrally formed dressing body.
46. (New claim) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein the liquid impermeable material is rubber.
47. (New claim) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein the fibres are cotton.
48. (New claim) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein the first portion extends beyond said absorptive device.
49. (Amended) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein the dressing is a body-tight seamless dressing.
50. (Amended) A protective dressing according to claim 42, wherein the dressing is a body-tight seamless dressing.
51. (New claim) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing comprising the steps of:
  - forming an integral dressing body of a liquid impermeable material, the integral dressing body having an inner surface with a first portion and a second portion;
  - associating an absorptive device with the first portion of the integrally formed dressing body; and

affixing fibres to at least a part the second portion.

52. (New claim) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing according to claim 51, wherein the associating of the absorptive device with the first portion includes contacting the absorptive device while the liquid impermeable material is drying.

53. (New claim) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing according to claim 51, wherein the fibres are cotton.

54. (New claim) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing according to claim 51, wherein the affixing of fibres includes spraying an adhesive to the part of the second portion and spraying fibres to the part of the second portion.

55. (New claim) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing according to claim 51, wherein the affixing of fibres comprises affixed fibres to the inner surface of the dressing body except for a section of the dressing body associated with the absorptive device and proximate to the portion of the dressing body associated with the absorptive device.

56. (New claim) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing according to claim 51, wherein the dressing body has an outer surface, and  
further comprising affixing fibres to a part of the outer surface of the dressing body.